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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of: Hastings et al.

Application Serial No.: 09/037,460

Art Unit: 1647

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Examiner: Saoud, C.

For: Human Vascular IBP-Like Growth Factor  
Polynucleotides (as amended)

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants hereby request that the following remarks be entered into the above-captioned application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) a Request for Continued Prosecution Application Transmittal; (b) a Fee Transmittal Sheet; and (c) Version Showing Changes Made.

**In the claims:**

Please amend the claims as follows: